

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:966
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2002
PRAVASI BHARATIYA SAMMAN AWARD
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have decided to institute a `Pravasi Bharatiya Samman` Award;
- (b) if so , the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard so far ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) There will be a maximum of ten such Awards. The announcement of names of the nominees of these awards will be made on the Independence Day and Awards will be conferred on the ninth day of January every year on the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas starting from the year 2003. The modalities of conferment of these Awards are under examination of the Government.